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As a student of computer science, I have mixed feelings about this issue. Microsoft?s control of the software industry was not obtained from doing anything illegal. If a company creates an operating system, they should have full control of what software can and cannot be functional in their own operating system. If it was not for Microsoft developing their operating systems, the companies which software is being hindered, would not have an OS to develop for in the first place. If these companies feel that Microsoft is not treating them fairly they can go and develop their own OS. Microsoft is the perfect example of capitalism at its finest. Microsoft?s business is Microsoft?s business. No one is forcing millions to purchase any Microsoft products. There are several alertnative operating system, many of which can be obtained free from the internet. From my personal computing experience, I feel that Microsoft?s products are lacking. I currently use both Microsoft and non-Microsoft operating systems and it suit

es me fine. If further development in computer software is truly being hindered by Microsoft, the foundations of capitalism will lead to the downfall of Microsoft.